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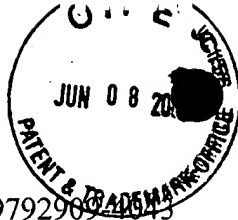
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**PROPOSED AMENENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 5, 2001, please enter and consider the following amendment and remarks. It is believed that the amendment, which merely incorporates the elements of claim 2 into claim 1, will either place the application in condition for allowance or simplify the issues for appeal.

**In the claims:**

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (amended) A semiconductor device comprising:  
a first element formation region in which a device of a first conductivity type is formed;  
a second element formation region separated from said first element formation region by an element isolation region and in which a device of a second conductivity type different from said first conductivity type is formed;  
a first gate electrode provided on said first element formation region and containing an impurity of the first conductivity type;